

REMARKS

The applicant thanks the examiner for the telephone interview with the applicant's representatives, Hal Greenberger, David Feigenbaum, and Letao Qin on December 21, 2007. The interview included a discussion of a proposed amendment to claim 1 with respect to the Greenberger reference. The examiner agreed that the claim as proposed to be amended would overcome the rejection based on Greenberger. The applicant is submitting amended claims, in which claim 1 has been phrased to include additional clauses explaining the parameters c and D. The other independent claims have been amended similarly.

All of the dependent claims are patentable for at least similar reasons as those for the claims on which they depend are patentable.

Canceled claims, if any, have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Any circumstance in which the applicant has (a) addressed certain comments of the examiner does not mean that the applicant concedes other comments of the examiner, (b) made arguments for the patentability of some claims does not mean that there are not other good reasons for patentability of those claims and other claims, or (c) amended or canceled a claim does not mean that the applicant concedes any of the examiner's positions with respect to that claim or other claim.

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Respectfully submitted,

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